GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1628
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2016
Consumption of Diesel and Electricity by Railways
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways consumes around 2.8 billion litres of diesel annually costing Rs.18000 crore and also spends around Rs.12,000 crore annually to purchase 17.5 billion units of electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is exploring the policy to procure crude oil and take refinery capacity on lease to improve its finances which would reduce diesel inventories by a third;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways particularly Northern Railway to reduce consumption of diesel and electricity?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1628 BY SHRI SHRIMATI VANAROJA R AND SHRI K. PARASURAMAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.05.2016 REGARDING CONSUMPTION OF DIESEL AND ELECTRICITY BY RAILWAYS

(a) & (b) For the year 2014-15 Indian Railways consumed 2.9 billion litres of Diesel costing 16804.63 crores and paid 12316 crores to purchase 18.24 billion units Electrical Energy.
(c) Yes, Madam.
(d) Pros and cons are being studied and decision will be taken based on outcome of the study.
(e) The following steps have been taken:-
(1) Shutting down of diesel locos where detention is likely to exceed 30 minutes.
(2) Super checks of outgoing locos at the level of officers and supervisors of the shed for proper maintenance practice.
(3) Provision of Auxiliary Power Units on Diesel locomotives.

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